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Dear Fund Supporter:

What a year--and what a decade--it's been!

The 1980s ended with the most UFO-active year of the period. It was marked by significant developments in several areas:

Videotapes and Photographs

The Fund is facilitating computer-enhanced analyses of a Saturn-shaped UFO shot in Japan and a second videotape shot by an official of the Dutch Ministry of Defense who was on vacation in Spain. And we supported an analysis of the Gulf Breeze, Florida, photos and video, which ruled out the likelihood of a hoax.

MJ-12 and Roswell Investigations

The Fund awarded the largest private grant in UFO history to nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, who is investigating events and personalities associated with the alleged "MJ-12" presidential briefing paper and the apparent UFO crash outside Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947. Because of significant new leads in the case, Mr. Friedman's report is expected early in 1990. (Contributors of \$50 or more to the project will receive a copy of the report before it is released to the public.)

Alien Abductions

The Fund provided support for the first major conference on the abduction phenomenon involving psychiatrists and psychologists. We also awarded a grant to Budd Hopkins to support his continuing research. Further, the Fund is currently involved in supporting the analysis of what appears to be a tiny object implanted in an "abductee" during a remembered experience. It is in the possession of a scientist at a major northeastern university.

Scientific Liaison

In an effort to involve the scientific community, the Fund is coordinating a project to compile statements from scientists who are actively engaged in UFO research. These statements will be circulated among other scientists, Congress and the media.

Here is a summary of the grants made by the Fund over the past year:

To Rima E. Laibow, M.D., for the first conference on "Treatment Research on Experienced Anomalous Phenomena (TREAT)," held May 12-14 in Fairfield, CT. Approximately 25-30 psychiatrists and psychologists attended. A second conference is planned for February 1990.

Amount spent in 1989: \$23,438.50.

Amount committed for publication of proceedings for TREAT II: \$1,000.

To Stanton T. Friedman for research into the background and personalities named in the alleged "MJ-12" presidential briefing paper.

Amount spent in 1989: \$12,000. (A final payment of \$4,000 will be made upon completion of Mr. Friedman's report, which is expected early in 1990.)

Total amount committed: \$16,000.

To Budd Hopkins to provide clerical assistance in his expanding research of UFO abduction cases.

Amount spent: \$2,000.

To a physicist at a prestigious Northeastern university for analysis of an anomalous object associated with a possible "abductee."

Amount committed: \$2,000.

To Marge Christensen to support a presentation on UFOs at the annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association.

Amount spent: \$1,562.11.

To two laboratories for analysis of an alleged transmission from the space shuttle *Discovery* relating to an "alien spacecraft." Results: insufficient evidence to prove the authenticity of the transmission.

Amount spent: \$1,321.10.

To Robert Oechsler for follow-up investigation and on-site interviews with numerous witnesses of UFOs in Gulf Breeze, FL.

Amount spent: \$899.70.

Total amount spent or committed in 1989: \$49,215.80

Most recently, the Fund awarded a grant to Marge Christensen to make a presentation on UFOs to the National Science Teachers Association conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on December 2. The presentation was published as *Using Concepts From UFO Studies to Teach Science and Critical Thinking*, co-authored by Christensen, Dr. Richard F. Haines, John Schuessler and Dr. Michael Swords. It is now available from the Fund for a contribution of \$25, while supplies last.

As the first--and only--organization dedicated to supporting scientific research into all aspects of the phenomenon, the Fund for UFO Research has emerged as a leader in the field. Now in its 10th year, the Fund has an outstanding list of accomplishments:

- * **Scientific Research**--The Fund has awarded more than 20 grants to support scientific research into case investigations, historical documentation and photographic analyses.
- * **Public Education**--The Fund has sponsored conferences and symposia, conducted an aggressive media relations campaign and cooperated in an ongoing program to educate scientists and congressional leaders about the importance of the UFO question.
- * **Fundraising**--Since it was organized in 1979, the Fund has raised more than \$150,000 from private citizens like yourself. Operating without an office or a paid staff, the organization devotes 100% of its revenues to support scientific research and public education projects. We accept no government funds.

As we enter the 1990s, we stand on the threshold of a new period in the 40+-year history of the UFO phenomenon. We are now on the verge of uncovering substantial new evidence of the reality of UFOs and their impact on human history.

However, to accomplish that goal, we need your help, now more than ever before. All of our current assets are committed to ongoing projects. We have no cash reserves to investigate the next significant sighting. We lack funds to analyze the next piece of physical evidence. We are without resources to support expensive computer-enhanced studies of new UFO photographs.

Since the U.S. Government officially "got out of the UFO business" in 1969, the responsibility for funding UFO research has fallen on the private sector. That means you and me. If this mystery is to be resolved in our lifetime, then we must do it.

Therefore, I'm asking you to make an additional contribution to support scientific research into the UFO phenomenon. Whatever you can afford--any contribution, large or small--will be greatly appreciated.

And to express our gratitude for your continuing support, I am prepared to send contributors of \$25 or more a copy of the report by Marge Christensen and her colleagues. The report contains useful information on the history of UFOs and the current status of UFO research. Whether you are a veteran investigator or a newcomer to the field, I think you'll find the study to be a valuable addition to your library.

However, the supply of copies is limited, so don't delay. Please send your tax-deductible contribution today. I promise to keep you informed of exciting new developments in UFO research in the days ahead.

Sincerely
Bruce Maccabee
Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D.
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P.S.--Don't forget that contributors of \$50 or more will receive--in addition to Marge Christensen's report--the results of Stan Friedman's research into MJ-12 and the Roswell case, before it is released to the public!